(c) and (d) All types of irrigation projects are conceived, planned and implemented by the State Governments from their own allocation of plan funds and there is no proposal before the Union Government to prepare a plan to provide 'water to every farm'.

Source of River Saraswati

†1352. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that water sources of river Saraswati, has been located in the desert area of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any plan for conducting study for utilising these water sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The Central Ground Water Board in association with the Ground Water Department, Rajasthan, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai, Regional Remote Sensing Application Centre, Jodhpur and Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad has taken up a study to confirm existence of previous course of river Saraswati.

(c) Does not arise at this stage.

Clearance to Bhima Lift Irrigation Scheme

1353. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project proposal relating to Bhima Lift Irrigation Scheme for utilisation of 6.00 TMC out of 734 TMC of the Karnataka State's share in terms of the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal Award is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether certain aspects like Barrage and Canal designs, etc., in respect of the Scheme still remain to be cleared by Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay and by when the necessary clearance is likely to be accorded?

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.